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Midnight MURDER

26-year-old youth hacked to death in Udayagiri Police Station limits

Victim Shabaz

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&KS)- Close on the heels of a daylight assault at Rajivnagar on Sunday that left three people seriously injured, a youth was murdered between midnight and early hours of today at Ghousianagar, leaving residents in a state of shock.

The deceased is identified as Shabaz (26), a resident of Ghousianagar, who was working as a fabricator. The accused, who brutally hacked Shabaz to death, has been identified as Zubair, who was accompanied by four others at that time. Shabaz was in-charge of an auto parking shed in Ghousianagar.

The murder is said to be the fall out of dispute over auto parking rent between the deceased and the accused persons.

The wordy duel broke out between Shabaz, Zubair and four others over the rent at about 1 am. The accused, in a fit of rage, brutally hacked Shabaz to death with sharp weapons, inflicting multiple injuries before fleeing away from the spot.

The body was handed over to the family members, after conducting post-mortem at MMC and RI mortuary.

Devaraja Sub-Division ACP K. Rajendra, Udayagiri Inspector Sudhakar and staff conducted mahazar. City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj visited the spot.

The dog squad and Fingerprint unit were pressed into service. Additional Police force is deployed to maintain law and order situation in the area.

(See MIDNIGHT MURDER on page 7)

Land conversion around Ch. Hill

No illegality

MDA Commissioner Rakshith clarifies

K.R. Rakshith

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK,SPN&BCT)- Reacting to allegations by environmental activists that the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) had permitted the development of new housing layouts over nearly 50 acres abutting the forest belt of Chamundi Hill, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith clarified that the proposal sent to the Government falls outside the 'no development zone' of Chamundi Hill and that there was no illegality on the part of the Authority.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this afternoon, he said, the land in question does not fall under the green belt, as claimed by the activists. "The land is in an agricultural zone and abutting an existing MDA layout. Under Section 14(a) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961, there is a provision to change land use from agricultural to residential," he said.

Clarifying further, the MDA Commissioner stated that all proposals for forming layouts are located beyond 100 metres of the 'no development zone' or green belt of Chamundi Hill. "As such, the question of MDA violating forest zone regulations does not arise at all," he added.

(See LAND on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 20th January 2026

Disruption in power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 20- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying works at VV Mohalla Sub-Division (Gokulam and MUDA Ground power lines), there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Jan.21) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Gokulam 3rd Stage, surrounding areas of Gokulam, behind ESI Quarters, Krishna Temple, Doctors Colony and surrounding areas of Gokulam, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Saptapadi Choultry, Vijayanagar ICICI Bank and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer, VV Mohalla Division.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

PUTTING PROBLEMS IN PERSPECTIVE:

January is named after Janus, the ancient Roman god of beginnings and endings. He was traditionally depicted with two faces, one looking back and the other forward. This symbolised the deity's ability to see both the past and the future. As mortals, we cannot glimpse what is to come. We can, however, recall the year gone by.

2025 started peacefully for me, but turned turbulent when some valuables went missing. I knew who had stolen them, but the culprit covered his tracks. Since the Police could not act without evidence, my husband and I hired a private detective. That sham Sherlock decamped with the money we paid him when he embarked on his illusory investigation.

"It has been a bad year for you," remarked a young acquaintance. She went on to say that it had been no better for her. Her husband had never held a steady job and she had been unemployed for a few months. She had two children to educate and was struggling financially. I was reminded of a former colleague whose husband had recently succumbed to cancer. She too was providing single-handedly for her family.

I realised then that I could not label 2025 as a 'bad year.' Of course, the theft was a black mark on the calendar and the mere thought of the smooth-talking sleuth upset me. I had to tell myself firmly not to dwell on unsavoury episodes and experiences and be grateful instead for the good things that had come my way. Not least was the fact that I continued to be favoured with health and strength. Above all, I had woken up to each of 365 days; a blessing denied to so many.

Precious lives were cut short in air crashes, stampedes, bomb blasts, terrorist attacks, landslides, flood and fire. Those were just the disasters that made the headlines in our country. No doubt, similar catastrophes abounded the world over, leaving thousands heartbroken and mourning their loved ones. Even if not personally affected by a horrendous tragedy, every person on the planet would have faced trials and troubles, to a greater or lesser degree. I wish my jewellery would resurface, but reviewing the year that has ended, I try to put my problems in perspective.

— *Suryakumari Dennison in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pet vending machines spark outrage

Beijing: Photos and videos of unmanned vending machines selling live animals like cats, small dogs and rodents have been going viral and sparking outrage among the general public in China.

The pet-selling sector has so far been considered incompatible, but things are apparently very different in China, as more and more unmanned vending machines selling live pets are being spotted all around the country. One such video showing a pet vending machine in a busy part of Beijing recently went viral on Chinese social media, sparking a heated debate around the ethics of this controversial business model.

Although the animals shown in the viral video didn't seem distressed or sick, several comments on social media platforms mentioned sick animals and even some that had died in their small cages due to lack of proper care.

Frog smaller than human fingernail

Santa Cruz: The Brazilian flea frog (Brachycephalus pulex) measures only between 7 and 8 millimetres in length, which likely makes it the smallest vertebrate on Earth.

In 2011, Mirco Solé, a researcher at the State University of Santa Cruz in Brazil, discovered the tiny Brazilian flea frog, an amphibian so small that it could comfortably fit on a small coin. The discovery made news headlines in the scientific community.

Mirco Solé has published an extensive study on the elusive frog species that can only be found on two forested hillsides in Bahia, Southern Brazil. It shows that the flea frog is a very likely candidate for the title of 'world's smallest vertebrate.'

HEALTH CAPSULE

Decision-Making in Complex Gallbladder Disease

Not every difficult gallbladder requires the same surgical approach. Patient condition, severity of inflammation, and anatomy guide how and when surgery is performed.

By Dr. Vasudev Pai H - Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology and HPB Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Annual sports meet held

Mysuru, Jan.20- Carmelvale International School, Rajivnagar, Mysuru, celebrated its Annual Sports Meet 'Zenith' with students from Preschool to Grade 6 taking part in various events held under the theme 'Play with Passion, Run with Purpose.'

The programme was attended by chief guest Anthony Paul Raj, along with Sr. Violet Tauro, Sr. Ida Barboza and the Head Mistress Sr. Laveena. The programme commenced with a ceremonial VIP escort, followed by the soulful Melody of Faith and the graceful Nrithya Swagatham.

Formal inauguration, significance of the day and oath-taking ceremony marked the official opening of the sports meet.

A major highlight was the synchronised drill display by students from Preschool to Grade 6.

The day unfolded with a series of energetic track and field events, parents' sports and a vibrant funfair adding colour and joy to the celebration. The programme concluded with the prize distribution ceremony and a vote of thanks.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Stray cattle, streetlight issues on Mahadevapura Main Road

Sir,

I wish to draw the urgent attention of the MCC Commissioner to a serious and recurring hazard faced by residents and commuters along the Mahadevapura Main Road.

This busy stretch — passing through Udayagiri, Beedi Workers Hospital in Azeez Sait Nagar and Satellite Bus Stand — sees heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic and has become increasingly dangerous due to two critical issues: Unchecked presence of stray cattle and complete absence of functional streetlights.

After dusk, the road becomes pitch dark and cattle are often found sitting or wandering on the road dividers and even on the carriageway itself.

The lack of visibility makes it nearly impossible for motorists to spot these animals in time, leading to frequent near-misses and accidents, also unable to identify road crossing intersections and blind spots, specifically in the vicinity of the Beedi Hospital stretch.

Pedestrians, daily wage workers and motorists returning home late are at constant risk. The situation is not only a threat to human life but also endangers the animals themselves.

I request the Mysuru City Corporation to look into this issue and take immediate and sustained action by installing and maintaining adequate street lighting along the entire Mahadevapura Main Road, safely relocating stray cattle to designated shelters, conducting regular inspections and deploying personnel to monitor and manage the situation.

—Aysha Sultana

Mysuru

31.12.2025

NPSI Mysore holds Community Outreach Programme near Saragur

Mysuru, Jan. 20- The students of Classes 8 and 11 of NPS International School, Mysore (NPSI Mysore), participated in a Community Outreach Programme at a tribal school near Saragur, H.D. Kote recently.

The initiative aimed at fostering social awareness, empathy and responsible citizenship among students.

During the visit, the students spent quality time teaching the children, conducting engaging learning activities and interacting with members of the local community.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Coaching classes

The KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, Muktagangothri in city, has organised a 50-day coaching class for IAS and KAS written exams. Interested aspirants can register their names between 10 am and 4.30 pm on all working days before Jan. 23. Call Ph: 0821-2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090.

Free cancer clinic

Preethi Centre for Oncology, M.G. Road in Lakshmipuram, has organised a free cancer detection clinic at its premises on Jan. 22. The clinic will be open from 10 am to 8 pm. [Ph: 0821-4259259]

'Saraswati Puja' training sessions

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru, has organised special training sessions to perform simple and diligent 'Saraswati Puja' by Swami Hamsananda at Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple on Ganapati Temple Road in N.R. Mohalla from 6.30 pm to 7.15 pm till Feb. 1. For details, contact Mob: 89040-80516.

Ayurveda camp

Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital has organised a free Ayurveda health check-up camp at its premises in KBL Layout, near Devegowda Circle till Jan. 31. Doctors will conduct eye screening and early-stage management and computer vision syndrome management. Treatment will also be given for Menorrhiga (excessive menstrual bleeding). For details, call Mob: 97317-99317.

Library services temporarily changed

As Chamarajapuram Library building works are underway, public who have Chamarajapuram Library Membership may borrow books from Saraswathipuram Branch, according to the Deputy Director of Mysuru City Central Library.

Woman dies

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (KS)- An unidentified woman, who was found lying sick near the ticket counter at City Railway Station on Jan. 13 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has succumbed to illness at the hospital at about 10.30 am on Jan. 15.

The deceased is aged between 35 and 40 years, 4.6 ft. tall, light brown complexioned, normal built and was wearing a floral design night gown and sky blue coloured sweater.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Property feud

Brother stabs brother to death

Elder brother, family members arrested for stabbing sibling 40 times: Mandya SP

Deceased Yogesh

Mandya, Jan. 20 (KS)- Keregodu Police have arrested four persons on charges of stabbing a man to death at Mayappanahalli village in the district on Jan. 16 over a property dispute and have launched a hunt to nab another accused, who is absconding.

Disclosing this at a press meet held at her Office in the town yesterday, Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr. Shobharani said that the deceased, identified as M.N. Yogesh, was stabbed 40 times by his elder brother M.N. Lingaraju, his wife and two children Darshan and Bharath. They had stabbed Yogesh on his stomach, back and neck about 40 times in the cowshed.

Continuing, the SP said that, following the murder, deceased Yogesh's another brother M.N. Kempegowda, accusing his elder brother Lingaraju and his family members of murdering Yogesh, had lodged a complaint at Keregodu Police Station, following which the Police had registered a case under Sections 61(2), 332(2), 103(1) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and had registered an FIR.

A special Police team, comprising Keregodu Circle Inspector Manjunath, Sub-Inspector Kashinath Bagali, Shivalli Sub-Inspector Raghavendra Kattari and staff Chikkaiah, Krishna Kumar, Manjunath, Chethan Kumar, Hoovanna, Vinayak Doddamani, women staff Shruthi and Pooja, was formed.

The team was guided by Additional SPs Thimmaiah and Gangadhar Murthy and Dy.SP Lakshminarayana Prasad.

Four arrested

The Special Police team, which began the investigation, arrested 50-year-old M.N. Lingaraju (A1) at Mayappanahalli village, his son 21-year-old Bharath (A3) was arrested on Jan. 18 near BGS Kalyana Mantap in Mandya town, Lingaraju's wife (A2) and his another son 24-year-old Darshan (A4) were arrested on Jan. 19 morning at Tittamaaranahalli village near K.M. Doddi. Another woman, who was involved in the murder, has gone absconding and the Police have launched a hunt to nab her, the SP said.

Accused M.N. Lingaraju and his sons Bharath and Darshan

The father of the deceased and the accused, late Ningegowda, had passed away many years back. He owned 19 acres land in the village and there was dispute pertaining to four acres in the said 19 acres land. Lingaraju had got the remaining 15 acres land registered in his name and had transferred a few acres in his wife's name.

Late Ningegowda had three sons, accused Lingaraju was the eldest and Kempegowda was the second son, then daughters and deceased Yogesh was the youngest among the children, the SP said and added that there used to be frequent quarrels between Lingaraju, Kempegowda and Yogesh over the property.

Lingaraju had got the entire land transferred in his name. Kempegowda had little knowledge about the law and his don was specially abled. But deceased Yogesh had good knowledge about the law and had filed a civil suit at a Court. Irked over this, Lingaraju had threatened Yogesh with life many times, following which Yogesh had installed CCTV cameras around his house, the SP said.

Pointing out that Yogesh was to get married shortly which could create problems, the SP said that Lingaraju had hatched a plot to kill Yogesh and when Yogesh was alone in the cowshed, Lingaraju, along with his family members. attacked Yogesh and brutally murdered him.

Pandavapura Police seize 10 kg ganja, three arrested

Mandya, Jan. 20 (AG&BCT)- In a major operation, Pandavapura Police seized 10.165 kg of dry ganja (marijuana), valued at Rs. 5 lakh, and arrested three men for allegedly attempting to sell the contraband.

The accused were caught while trying to sell the ganja from a Swift Dzire car (KA-11-D-1000) parked on vacant land at Bittanayakanahalli village.

Those arrested have been identified as H.G. Gautam (25) and H.K. Rakshit (26), both residents of Hiremarali village & M. Manoj (25) of Madehnahalli village.

Police also seized three mobile phones and the car used in the crime. Another accused, Madhu, a resident of Hosur in Pandavapura taluk, managed to escape and is currently absconding. Efforts are on to trace him.

The raid was conducted in the presence of Pandavapura Tahsildar Basavareddappa Ronad, the designated magistrate.

The operation was led by Srirangapatna Dy.SP Shanthamallappa, with Pandavapura Police Inspector Sharath Kumar, PSI R.B. Umesh and Constables Venkatesh, Farooq, Thousif, Prasannakumar, Varadaraju, Madangowda, Arun Kumar, Sunil Shetty, Shivaraj, Somashekar, Mahadev and Dinesh.

Man goes missing

D. Nagaraju

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (KS)- A 43-year-old man has gone missing since Sept. 30, 2025, from city.

The missing man is D. Nagaraju, a resident of Belavatta in city.

He is 5.2 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, has a scar on his forehead and was wearing a red coloured full arm shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing man, may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418316 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from Jayalakshmipuram Police Station.

Shiv Sena launches Mysuru Unit

To contest in ZP, TP and GP polls

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MK&KS)- Shiv Sena has launched its Mysuru District Unit and announced that it would contest the upcoming Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Taluk Panchayat (TP) and Gram Panchayat (GP) polls.

Addressing a press meet in city recently, Shiv Sena State General Secretary Gangadhar Kulkarni said that the party's expansion in the State comes with a twin agenda 'Hindutva and Development,' besides stating that with the launch of Mysuru Unit, the party has completed its organisational work in 13 districts of Karnataka.

Criticising the Congress-led State Government of being insensitive to Hindu concerns, Gangadhar Kulkarni alleged that the State Government is anti-Hindu and does not respect Hindu sentiments. Shiv Sena will emerge as a strong voice for the Hindu community, he added.

Fire safety norms

Relief soon for private hospitals

FROM LEFT: ***DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, former MAHAN President Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem and MAHAN Vice-President Dr. B.N. Rajeev during an interaction programme in Nazarbad last evening.***

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (PM&BCT)- Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao has assured private hospitals that the State Government will take steps to ease difficulties faced in implementing fire safety norms in older hospital buildings.

He also announced that reimbursement rates under the State Health Assurance Scheme (SAST) will be revised in line with the Health Benefit Package (HBP) 2022 from next year.

"Reimbursements must also be released within the stipulated timelines," he said, adding that in the case of reputed private hospitals, funds would be released first, followed by verification.

Speaking at an interaction programme organised by Mysore Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAN) at a hotel in Nazarbad last evening, the Minister said, nearly 70% of healthcare services in Mysuru are delivered by private sector.

Private hospitals have long raised concerns over stringent fire safety norms required for licensing under Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act. The Minister said that now the norms have been simplified, addressing nearly 70% of the issues. However, difficulties persist for older hospital buildings. "I will propose measures to resolve the remaining 30 percent of the problems," he assured.

MAHAN President Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar said that smaller hospitals, in particular, face a heavy financial burden. "Installing even basic fire safety measures costs over Rs. 15 lakh. It is difficult for small hospitals to bear this expense," he said.

Dr. Sonia Mandappa, Secretary of Karnataka Congress of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (KCOG) and a MAHAN Executive Committee Member, appealed to the Government to support the provision of free HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccines to girls studying in Class 10 in Mysuru district to prevent cervical cancer. "We have prepared a plan in collaboration with NGOs and Medical Associations. Government cooperation is essential," she said.

Responding to the request, the Minister said, the Government would sign MoUs to support the campaign.

Hyder Ali Road levelling, widening works pick up

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (BLU&BCT)- The road levelling and widening project on Hyder Ali Road in Nazarbad is progressing at a rapid pace. The existing 10-metre-wide stretch is being expanded to 30 metres as part of a comprehensive redevelopment initiative. The project, being implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 crore, includes the construction of a central median, footpaths on both sides, stormwater (box) drains and the installation of streetlights.

As part of the works, the stretch from Nexus Mall to Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) is being levelled to improve visibility. Due to a steep gradient, motorists approaching from the mall side were unable to see oncoming vehicles. Earthmovers are currently excavating the stretch to reduce the gradient and enhance road safety.

Traffic on this stretch has been barred since this morning, and the excavation work is expected to take another 10 days to complete, engineers at the site said. The entire project will take six months to complete.

The project is being implemented under Local Area Development Grant of Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait through State Finance Commission (SFC).

It involves widening 360-metre stretch to a total width of 30 metres in accordance with Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). A 2.5-metre-wide central median will be constructed, with footpaths and stormwater drains on either side. To facilitate the project, 40 trees were felled in April 2025 along the 360-metre stretch between Kalikamba Temple and SP Office Circle.

Paramount Construction hosts badminton tourney for doctors

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Dr. Usha Hegde, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somashekar Jigani and Dr. Nithin Srichand and others seen during the 'Paramount Doctors Smash-2026' badminton tourney for doctors at ARC Sports Zone in Hebbal, Mysuru, recently. Picture right shows the participants.

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Paramount Construction Ventures recently organised 'Paramount Doctors Smash-2026,' an exclusive badminton tournament dedicated to doctors — our true healthcare heroes — at ARC Sports Zone in Hebbal, Mysuru.

This unique sporting initiative was to ignite the thought of fitness among doctors, who spend most of their time caring for the health and well-being of society, often at the cost of their own physical fitness.

The initiative saw an overwhelming response, with many participating doctors sharing that over the last 15 days, they consciously made time out of their demanding schedules to practise, improve their game and build coordination with their playing partners.

The event was inaugurated by distinguished guests who shared inspiring messages on health and wellness.

Seema Latkar, City Police Commissioner, emphasised that for a healthy society, the well-being of doctors is absolutely essential and initiatives like Doctors Smash play a vital role in promoting this thought.

Somashekar Jigani, Deputy Commissioner, MCC (Revenue), highlighted that "If wealth is lost, something is lost; but if health is lost, everything is lost," underlining the importance of prioritising fitness.

Dr. Usha Hegde, Mysuru's first Ironman (twice) and Mountaineer, stated that such initiatives are crucial to instil the importance of fitness not just among doctors but among every citizen.

Dr. Nithin Srichand, a passionate medical professional and inspiring cyclist, appreciated Paramount Construction for not only focusing on building brilliant structures, but also contributing towards building a healthy and wellness-driven society.

The following are the winners and runners of Paramount Doctors Smash-2026:

Women's Singles: Winner - Dr. Sahana; Runner-up - Dr. M.R. Tejas; **Women's Doubles:** Winners - Dr. Sahana & Dr. M.R. Tejas; Runners-up - Dr. Arpitha & Dr. Preethi.

Mixed Doubles: Winners - Dr. Mohan Kumar & Dr. Tejas; Runners-up - Dr. Jashwanth Gowda & Dr. Preethi

Men's Singles: Winner - Dr. Mohan Kumar; Runner-up - Dr. Jashwanth Gowda.

Men's Doubles: Winners - Dr. Jashwanth Gowda & Dr. K.V. Rakshith; Runners-up - Dr. Venugopal & Dr. Nakul.

80+ Doubles: Winners - Dr. Avinash & Dr. Nandish; Runners-up - Dr. Venugopal & Dr. Suhas.

City Congress demands Rs. 1,000 crore for GMCC

Conveys 15-point charter to CM via DC ahead of Budget

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (GA&DM)- With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, set to present the State Budget for 2025-26 in the first week of March, the City Congress has demanded a minimum special package of Rs. 1,000 crore for the newly formed Greater Mysuru City Corporation (GMCC), also known as the Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike (BMMP).

City Congress leaders, led by KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, submitted a 15-point charter of demands addressed to the Chief Minister through Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy at the DC's Office in Siddarthanagar this morning.

The memorandum was presented in the presence of MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif and MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith.

Welcoming the Gazette notification on the formation of GMCC, the memorandum pointed out that the corporation's jurisdiction will expand more than fourfold — from 86 sq. km under the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to 341.44 sq. km under GMCC.

In view of this significant expansion, the Congress leaders urged the State Government to sanction at least Rs. 1,000 crore in the first phase to undertake infrastructure development and provide civic amenities.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, former Zilla Panchayat President B.M. Ramu, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Corporator K.V. Mallesh and party leaders Rakesh Papanna, Bhaskar and others were present.

KEY DEMANDS FOR GMCC

The memorandum listed the following priorities:

- **Establishment of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in all four directions of the city.**
- **Development of existing roads, improvement of connectivity and construction of additional roads.**
- **Creation of more parks and large-scale tree planting.**
- **Implementation of an efficient waste collection system and setting up of Waste Disposal Plants.**
- **Identification and reservation of land for new schools, colleges, sports grounds and other sporting facilities.**
- **Upgradation of infrastructure in line with tourism development.**
- **Increase in the number of Wards to 120, with Ward boundaries drawn based on area rather than population.**
- **Establishment of a minimum of 200 GMCC Zonal offices.**
- **Ensuring a proper drinking water supply to all areas under GMCC.**
- **Construction of overhead tanks in all GMCC Wards and supply of water from the Unduwadi and Kabini Phase II and III drinking water projects.**
- **Establishment of power transmission centres for every 50 sq. km.**
- **Setting up four new bus depots, construction of 10 major bus stands based on commuter demand and identification of parking facilities in all Wards.**
- **Reservation of land for other infrastructure facilities, including new State and Union Government offices and Police Stations.**
- **Identification of land for the construction of hospitals, both Government and private.**

BJP seeks inclusion of Varuna villages in GMCC

T. Narasipur, Jan. 20 (DM)- Following the Government's official notification on the formation of the Greater Mysuru City Corporation (GMCC), BJP leaders from the Varuna Assembly Constituency, represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, have urged the authorities to include several villages of Varuna hobli within the GMCC limits.

Addressing a press conference at the PWD Guest House in T. Narasipur yesterday, BJP leader Varuna Manju said that residential layouts have developed across nearly 70 percent of the area in several villages of Varuna hobli, with only about 30 percent of the land currently under agriculture. "In view of the rapid urbanisation, villages such as Chikkahalli, Choranahalli, Vajamangala, Varuna and Yandahalli should be included within the GMCC limits," he said.

Manju also demanded the establishment of an Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Varuna hobli, extension of the Double Road from Chikkahalli to Varuna Circle, and the announcement of a special development package by the Chief Minister for all villages in Varuna Assembly Constituency.

A Union for Animal FEEDERS !

Maneka Gandhi, former Member of Parliament (MP) in the Lok Sabha and the Founder-Chairperson of People For Animals (PFA), India's largest animal welfare organisation, writes about the need for a UNION to protect the rights of animal feeders. —Ed

Dear Animal Lover,

There are thousands of feeders and animal caretakers in every city. Most of them work alone. All of them are vulnerable to daily harassment, abuse and physical violence.

The Police do not take animal-related cases seriously. However, we have seen that when the animal welfare group comes together and protests then harassment stops, the Police listens and sanity and harmony in the community are restored.

Animal welfare is getting bigger all the time. But unless we can make policy makers, Police and politicians realise the power of the community, we will not be taken seriously.

During election time, this is the only group that is not consulted because we are NOT a group. Because all of us are apart, the animals suffer.

Therefore, it is proposed that we have an experiment.

There are 780 districts in India. In each zone, there will be a minimum of 10,000 feeders and caretakers. Out of these, we should make a Rapid Response Team of 1,000 people in each zone, who will come forward and go to the area if one feeder is attacked/ abused/ignored by the Police or harassed by the Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs).

Not everyone will go as some people work or are busy or away when a crisis comes. But of these 1,000 per zone, at least 200-300 will respond.

This team will protect and be protected until India gets used to the idea that animal welfare people cannot be harassed.

The idea is to UNIONISE in each city and replicate this Nationwide. If you would like to be on this team, fill out this information:

Name: _____
Address (City, District, State): _____
Contact Number: _____
Profession: _____
and send it to: *gandhim@exmpls.sansad.in*
You can also simply fill this Google Form:
https://forms.gle/CxhiDR1WoryrJ3pM7

Your name, phone number and zone will be put into an app and that app will be given free to each animal welfare person to be used when they need help.

This app can be used for emergency help, rescues, calls for zoom and protest meetings. It will unionise animal welfare people and make each individual stronger. Please forward this to everyone you know who is an animal welfare person.

Maneka Sanjay Gandhi

Midnight murder in Udayagiri

Police patrolling at Udayagiri limits this morning following the youth's murder.

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Has law and order gone for a toss in city?

Meanwhile, public have questioned whether the law and order still existed in city.

They said that anti-social elements were carrying out heinous crimes in the city without any fear of law. Such incidents are creating fear among the public especially women and children, who are now afraid to move around in the city, known for its peaceful atmosphere.

New Udayagiri (North) Station yet to commence

Though the State Government has sanctioned to carve out a new Udayagiri (North) Police Station from the existing Udayagiri PS and a rented building also identified at Rajivnagar for the new station, the Government has not allocated Police officers and staff for the Police Station due to staff shortage.

An official notification issued on Nov. 18 by the Home Department (Police Expenditure) confirmed the bifurcation of the existing Udayagiri Police Station into two units: Udayagiri North and Udayagiri South.

The current Udayagiri Police Station will be renamed Udayagiri South, while the newly created unit will be known as Udayagiri North.

According to the Government order, both Police Stations were to be staffed with one Police Inspector, four Sub-Inspectors, eight Assistant Sub-Inspectors, 24 Head Constables and 48 Constables. Additionally, Udayagiri North was to receive two Armed Police Constables to strengthen its operational capacity. But nothing has taken place in this regard till date.

Anti-Rowdy Squad goes defunct again

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, in a bid to curb rowdy elements, had revived the Anti-Rowdy Squad (ARS) in city in October 2025. The 26-member ARS was headed by City Crime Branch (CCB) Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mohammed Shariff Rawther. But in a span of just two months, the ARS has become defunct again.

The citizens have urged the authorities concerned to revive ARS, strengthen the Police force and conduct regular patrolling especially during night times to maintain law and order in city.

Land conversion: No illegality

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Referring to the land acquisition process, Rakshith said the Karnataka High Court had quashed the preliminary notification issued by the Government and that no final notification had been issued subsequently.

Background

Environmentalists claimed that the MDA has permitted the development of new housing layouts in over 50 acres of land abutting the forest belt of Chamundi Hill. An application was submitted to convert 4 acres and 27 guntas in Survey No. 98 in Mysuru taluk's Kasaba Hobli, Kurubarahalli village, from a 'special agricultural zone' to a 'residential zone'.

Separately, Vidyadeepa, Secretary of the Parisara Seva Sangha, Shivamogga, submitted objections in response to the public notification issued in the press. Despite these objections, permission for conversion was granted.

Environmentalists have warned that Mysuru has a unique ecological balance and permitting residential development across nearly 50 acres spread across various survey numbers all along the Chamundi Hill main road and around it would lead to the destruction of native plant species, trees and wildlife, as well as potentially altering the local microclimate.

Following this, Vidyadeepa filed a formal petition seeking protection of the land and requesting that it be retained in its original agricultural classification.

Statutory restriction

According to Vidyadeepa, the disputed lands are earmarked as a 'special agricultural zone' under the approved Master Plan. As per zoning regulations under Chapter 6.16.2(c), subdivision of land for residential layouts or other purposes is expressly prohibited.

Environmental activist Kiran Kumar further alleged that although the MDA issued a preliminary notification on March 4, 2006, to acquire the land, the Government never issued a final notification. During the land conversion process, applicants allegedly failed to disclose that the preliminary notification had been cancelled.

While the 4 acres and 27 guntas lie close to the forest belt, activists note that commercial developments surround the land and show no evidence of agricultural activity. They also claim that the land falls outside the Chamundi Hill area.

Based on these arguments, it is being contended that the land had already ceased to function as a 'special agricultural zone'. Consequently, the proposal to convert it to a residential zone, as recommended by MDA officials in line with the meeting's resolution, has come under suspicion, he noted.

Caught on 'sleaze video, audio'

DGP Ramachandra Rao SUSPENDED

Dr. Rao

Bengaluru, Jan. 20 (BS)- In a major embarrassment to the State Government, a video and audio clip allegedly showing a senior IPS officer behaving inappropriately with women went viral yesterday, triggering swift administrative action. To prevent further controversy, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) placed the officer under suspension, pending an inquiry.

The officer, Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao, IPS, currently serving as Director General of Police (DGP), Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE), was suspended for violation of Rule 3 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

The video, purportedly recorded in the officer's chamber, shows him in khaki uniform allegedly hugging and kissing several women. In the accompanying audio clip, he can allegedly be heard speaking suggestively, raising serious questions about his conduct.

'AI-generated,' claims officer

Before the suspension order, Dr. Rao told a section of the media that the video dated back to his tenure as Inspector General of Police (Northern Range) in Belagavi nearly eight years ago. He claimed the footage was fabricated using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

"The video has been fabricated with the help of AI. I will initiate legal action against those responsible, in consultation with my advocate," Dr. Rao said in his defence.

Following the emergence of the clips, Dr. Rao reportedly went to the residence of Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar in Sadashivanagar to offer clarification. However, he returned without meeting the Minister, sources said.

CM, Dy. CM react

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was in Belagavi when the controversy broke out, told mediapersons that appropriate action would be taken and that no one was above the law. He said a report had been sought from the Home Department.

Home Minister Dr. Parameshwar said the Government acted swiftly once the issue came to light. "Though he is a senior officer, action was taken without hesitation," he said.

Previous controversy

Dr. Rao is also the stepfather of Kannada film actor Ranya Rao, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody in a gold smuggling case in March 2025.

At that time, Dr. Rao, who was serving as Chairman and Managing Director of the Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, was sent on compulsory leave following allegations that he had aided his foster daughter. He was later transferred and posted as DGP, DCRE.

Obituary

K.R. Dasashetty

Mysuru, Jan. 20 - K.R. Dasashetty (98), retired Assistant Commercial Tax Officer and a resident of Narayana Shastry Road, near Nanjumalige, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

C.P. Munisuvratha

Nanjangud: C.P. Munisuvratha (90), senior advocate and a resident of K. Narasegowda Road, passed away this morning in the town.

He leaves behind his wife Savithri, two sons, one daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at 11 am on Thursday in Nanjangud.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued to the General Public that **(1) Mr. ZAIUL RAHMAN CHADKHAN,** S/o. Mr. Abu Mohammed Chadkhan, Residing at # 16A 1G, Ground Floor, Opp. HIG Hanumantha Nagar Road, Bannimantap, Mysuru-570015 and **(2) Mr. ABID ALI PANGAL,** S/o. Mr. Khaja Moinuddin Pangal, Residing at # 24/B, Chadkhan Garden, Near Jamat Complex, Mavalli, Murdeshwara, Uttara Kannada-581350 have agreed to Sell the Schedule Property to my client/s.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned along with documentary evidence at # L-50/2A, 1st Floor, Ashoka Road, Mysuru -570 001 within SEVEN (07) days from the date of this Public Notice, failing which such claim/s shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and my client/s shall be entitled to complete the sale transaction that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY BEARING NO. 1679/3 NEW NO. D-5/4, E-KHATA BEARING NO. 27-1-510-16, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 10 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH 20 FEET, SITUATED AT OLD BANK ROAD, DEVARAJA MOHALLA, MYSURU & HAVING CONSTRUCTED MADRAS TARSI ROOFING RED OXIDE FLOORING BUILDING MEASURING 18.5806 SQ MTS ON GROUND FLOOR, 11.148360 SQ MTS ON FIRST FLOOR & A C SHEET ROOFING RED OXIDE FLOORING MEASURING 11.148360 SQ MTS ON SECOND FLOOR & BOUNDED ON - EAST BY: SHOP BEARING No. 1679/4, NEW NO. 5/3, WEST BY: SHOP BEARING No. 1679/2, NEW NO. 5/5, NORTH BY: ROAD, SOUTH BY: COMMON PASSAGE.

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Place: Mysuru Date: 19/01/2026

Hindustani classical vocal concert held at Ninaada

Bengaluru-based vocalist Koushik Aithal presenting a Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert at #37, 'Ninaada,' Rishabh Siddhi Layout, Kergalli, Mysuru, on Jan. 18 as the 16th concert under the 'Ninaada Gruha Sangeetha' series organised by Ranjani Memorial Trust. He is accompanied by Sumith S. Naik on tabla and H. Prasad Kamath on harmonium. The musical evening was sponsored by Mysuru-based music enthusiasts Meera Korwar and Hemant Korwar.

SWR hosts Inter-Divisional Music Contest in Mysuru

Mysuru, Jan. 20- South Western Railway (SWR) conducted an Inter-Divisional Music Competition at the Chamundi Officers' Club, Mysuru, showcasing the rich cultural talent of railway employees and their family members.

The event was inaugurated by Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR Mysuru Division.

The competition was held in four categories — Classical Vocal, Light Vocal, Classical Instrumental and Light Instrumental.

A total of 16 participants from Bengaluru, Mysuru and Hubballi Division and Headquarters, along with Central Workshop, Mysuru, took part in the competition.

Prize winners

Classical Vocal Category: Haridas of Mysuru Division - 1st prize; Nijaguna Mangi of Hubballi Division - 2nd prize and Narayanappa of Central Workshop, Mysuru - 3rd prize.

Light Vocal Category: Hamsini S. Kumar of Mysuru Division - 1st, Savita of Hubballi Division - 2nd and Adarsh of Central Workshop, Mysuru - 3rd.

Classical Instrumental Category: Praveen Hugar of Headquarters, Hubballi - 1st; V. Shyamu of Mysuru Division - 2nd and Abhimanyu B. Guddad of Hubballi Division - 3rd.

Light Instrumental Category: Kruthika Janginmath of Headquarters, Hubballi - 1st; Y.S. Kumara of Mysuru Division - 2nd.

Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru Division, lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Inter-Divisional Music Competition at the Chamundi Officers' Club, Mysuru, on Jan. 7 as Judges of the competitions eminent musicians Vid. V.S. Ramesh and Vid. Mysore N. Srinath and others look on.

The winners earned the opportunity to represent SWR at the forthcoming Inter-Railway Music Competition, scheduled to be held in February 2026 at South East Central Railway, Bilaspur.

The competition was judged by eminent musicians Vid. Mysore N. Srinath and Vid. V.S. Ramesh, who appreciated the high standard of performances.

On this occasion, Shammas Hameed, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru, along with officers of Mysuru Division, children and teachers from Lalitha School, Mysuru, Scouts & Guides and Railway employees were present and encouraged the participants.

SWR continues to actively promote cultural and extracurricular activities among its employees, recognising their role in fostering creativity, teamwork and overall well-being alongside professional excellence. Such events reflect SWR's commitment to holistic development and cultural enrichment within the organisation.

Noopura Nrithyalaya performs at JCAC's Kala Saptami

A thoughtfully curated Bharatanatyam recital by Noopura Nrithyalaya, under the guidance of its Founder-Director Divya Prashant, was presented on Jan. 14 at JCAC, Mysuru, to a packed auditorium.

The audience included a notable number of foreign art-lovers, reflecting Mysuru's growing reputation as a global centre for classical Indian arts.

From the opening moments, the recital held the audience's attention, with each presentation receiving generous and sustained applause.

The programme was marked by strong narrative depth and emotive expression. A major highlight was the portrayal of Lord Rama's life, which juxtaposed the divine joy of his wedding in Mithila with the pathos of his exile, capturing themes of dharma, sacrifice and unwavering resolve. The transition between celebration and renunciation was rendered with sensitivity, drawing the audience deeply into the emotional journey of the epic.

Grace and lyrical fluidity were brought to the stage through a Mohiniyattam presentation centred on Lord Narayana. The piece stood out for its restrained elegance, soft movements and devotional intensity, offering a serene contrast within the evening's repertoire. Equally impactful was

a powerful depiction of Goddess Kali, where controlled energy, sharp rhythmic patterns and commanding abhinaya conveyed both her fierce form and her cosmic role as the destroyer of evil.

The story-telling continued with a dramatic episode drawn from the Mahabharata, showcasing expressive abhinaya and clarity of narrative, before culminating in a grand finale dedicated to the Divine Mother in Revathi raga.

This concluding piece celebrated the Goddess as an embodiment of strength, compassion and protection, unfolding with visual symmetry and rhythmic precision. The finale brought the entire programme to a resounding close, with the audience rising in appreciation and applauding the performers for a presentation that combined artistic excellence with spiritual depth.

Moonlight music at Suttur Mutt

Vid. Shashank Subramanyam presenting a flute recital at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, as part of its monthly moonlight music programme held on Jan. 3. He was accompanied by Vid. Nishanth Chandran on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

Suttur Jathra concludes today

Lakhs of devotees witnessed the six-day Annual Suttur Jathra Mahotsava, celebrating Adijagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji, the Founder of Suttur Mutt, which concluded with the valedictory of Cultural Fair & Exhibition this morning at Suttur Srikshetra.

Pic. 1: ***Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Adichunchanagiri Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji performing*** *aarti* ***to the idol of Adijagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji placed atop a float (Teppa) as part of 'Teppotsava' at River Kapila last night.***

Pic. 2: ***'Kapila Aarti' being performed as part of Suttur Jathra last evening along with fireworks' display.***

Pic. 3: ***Wrestlers fight it out at the Wrestling Competition organised at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk yesterday.***

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav and Vatal Anand]

WORD OF THE DAY

Cloying

Pronunciation: KLOY-ing (adjective)
Meaning: Cloying is used disapprovingly to describe something that is too sweet, pleasant or sentimental.
Origin: The history of cloying isn't sweet—it's tough as nails. Cloying comes from the verb cloy, which in Middle English meant "to hinder or seriously injure"; its source is an Anglo-French word meaning "to prick (a horse) with a nail in shoeing." English cloy too carried this farriery meaning (a farrier being a person who shoes horses) in the early 16th century, but it also had a general sense relating to clogging and stuffing, and in particular to overloading with especially sweet or rich food. From there quickly arose meanings of cloy still in use today: "to supply with an unwanted or distasteful excess usually of something originally pleasing" and "to be or become insipid or distasteful usually through an excess of an originally pleasurable quality (such as sweetness)." The adjective cloying, which describes things that are too sweet, pleasant, or sentimental, was doing the job it does today by the end of the 16th century.
Example: "Images of her came to me often, as did snatches of songs in her repertoire, which she sang to me as lullabies. ... What I couldn't quite summon, despite what I thought of as my keen smell memory, was her fragrance. As a kid, I had never liked it. Bellodgia was heavy, spicy and floral; when my mother would lean over me to comb my hair ... the cloying rose and carnation combined with her tugging on my scalp always threatened to give me a headache. Still ... I missed that fragrance now." —Margaret Talbot, The New Yorker, 10 July 2025

THE ODD WORD

Eagre

Sudden rise of tide in a river.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Lose your head

Meaning: You use the expression 'Lose your head' to indicate the tendency to become overly emotional or confused about something.
Origin: Although no one is certain, it is widely believed that the expression 'lose your head' comes from the days when beheading was a common form of punishment. If one didn't behave appropriately, it was likely that one might lose one's head.
Example: "Be careful not to lose your head. This situation calls for steady nerves!"

QUOTE BOX

A man should always consider how much he has more than he wants.

—Joseph Addison

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

ECNALG

Answer: A backwards glance.

SUDOKU

				2	3	6	9	
5								
2		3		1	9	7		
9		4						
1		2		3		9		8
						2		5
		9	1	5		3		6
								9
	7	8	9	4				

Answer to previous puzzle

1	8	9	2	7	3	5	4	6
6	5	2	4	8	9	3	7	1
4	7	3	1	6	5	9	2	8
8	9	4	6	3	7	2	1	5
7	2	1	8	5	4	6	9	3
5	3	6	9	2	1	4	8	7
2	1	7	3	9	6	8	5	4
9	6	5	7	4	8	1	3	2
3	4	8	5	1	2	7	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

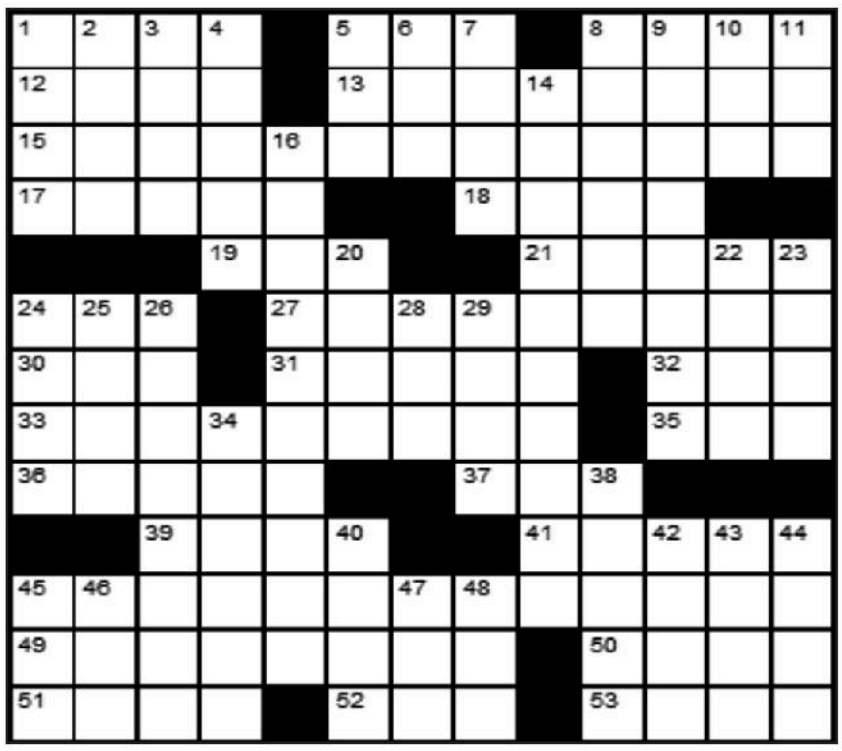
1 Let it stand, cancel the previously made correction
5 Major ref. work
8 2024 Olympics bronze medallist ___ Bhaker
12 Approximately (2,2)
13 Appeases
15 Detached or objective
17 Parody
18 Cut to make a bargain?
19 Std. temp. & press.
21 Irish county-"clear" anagram?
24 Curved bone
27 Begged or requested pleadingly
30 Old time movie Anokhi ___
31 One who gets out of bed
32 Edison initials
33 Everlasting
35 Holder of the ashes
36 Article of faith
37 Dull - not bright
39 Among other things, inter ___
41 Knobs on roots or branches
45 Agreeable
49 Dead-end (3,2,3)
50 Leave out or exclude
51 A three in cards, dice or dominoes
52 __ Lanka : our southerly neighbour?
53 Communists, colloquially speaking

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	F	T	S	■	I	A	G	O	■	S	D	U
B	L	E	U	■	B	L	A	B	■	S	O	P
B	E	L	T	■	E	A	S	E	M	E	N	T
■	X	E	R	O	X	■	■	L	A	S	S	O
R	I	V	A	L	■	■	S	I	T	■	■	■
O	B	I	■	E	S	A	U	■	H	A	A	R
M	L	S	■	O	W	N	E	D	■	S	S	E
P	E	E	L	■	O	U	Z	O	■	T	T	S
■	■	■	O	C	T	■	■	S	T	O	U	T
A	A	L	I	I	■	■	G	A	U	N	T	■
B	O	A	S	T	F	U	L	■	T	I	E	S
A	P	C	■	E	S	M	E	■	O	S	L	O
T	A	Y	■	S	C	A	N	■	R	H	Y	L

DOWN

1 Pieces of turf
2 Stumble
3 Old gas name
4 A stock theme, especially in a literary work
5 Goddess of plenty
6 Electronic Library Sys.
7 Rostrum
8 Capital of the Philippines
9 Sri Lanka's Marvan ____
10 The ___ : in short, the information superhighway?
11 Employ
14 Squeezebox
16 In very near future, perhaps? (5,1,4)
20 Nabokov novel
22 Bring up the ___ : be almost the last, in a way?
23 The Biblical Garden
24 Engrossed
25 ___ fixe : an obsession ?
26 Creature that sticks to a ship's hull
28 T.S. Eliot's initials
29 Tear
34 Tune
38 Engine of a car, etc.
40 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
42 Ten cents
43 Author __ Blyton
44 Certain NCO's
45 Perform on the stage
46 Lowly mongrel
47 Lever for rowing
48 601 in Roman numerals



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Z GFTRTUA RC DCFQ. RBTE

GFTRTUA RC GOE ST.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: On the other hand, you have different fingers.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** Ph: 2520494
  Mark (K) - 5 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** Ph: 2521923
  Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** Ph: 2422871
  Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te) - 3 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** Mob: 99008-20093

- **Gayathri Theatre** Ph: 2443568
  Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** Mob: 98454-14691
  Bharathi Teacher (K) - 2 Shows; *Surya: Power of Love (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** Ph: 2420885
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Mob: 98863-25207
  Surya (K) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	(S-1)	10.50 am
	(S-4)	3.45 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	11.45 am
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	(S-2)	11 am
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Theertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	10 am
Mark (K)	(S-3)	1 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	(S-3)	4 pm, 7.10 pm
28 Years Later The Bone Temple (E)	(S-3)	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Raja Saab (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	1.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Surya: Power of Love (K)	:	1.30 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	4 pm, 7.45 pm
Maazar (K)	:	4.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	4.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	8.50 am, 7.25 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	9.15 am, 4 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.55 am, 1.05 pm, 3.10 pm 6.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 7.05 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm 4.05 pm, 7.55 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	11.45 am, 4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	11.50 am
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	12.20 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.30 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Greenland 2: Migration (E)	:	2.45 pm, 8.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10 pm
Mark (K)	:	5 pm
Band Baaja Baaraat (H)	:	9.50 pm
28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (E)	:	10.10 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.25 am, 1 pm, 3.50, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 4.20 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm, 10.10 pm
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	11.15 am
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	12.45 pm, 7.05 pm
Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	7 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	7.15 pm

Hari-Chethana team performs at BVB Mysuru Kendra

Vid. Hari & Vidu. Chethana and team — Nidhika, Sirisha, Varuni, Udisha and Seema Krishnan — of Noopur Performing Arts Centre, Bengaluru, presented Kathak at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, on Jan. 17, as part of BVB's monthly cultural programme.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 20)

- **Jagannatha Centre For Art And Culture (JCAC):** Uttarayana - A celebration of art and culture, 'Girish Doshi - A life in architecture' — Exhibition of Girish Doshi's works, JCAC premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **up to 7 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 21)

- **Jagannatha Centre For Art And Culture (JCAC), Mysuru:** Uttarayana - A celebration of art and culture, 'Girish Doshi - A life in architecture' — Exhibition of Girish Doshi's works, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
- **Kannada Lekhakiyara Trust, Mysuru, Karnataka Lekhakiyara Sangha, Mysuru Branch and Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District:** Felicitation to Karnataka Lekhakiyara Sangha President and retd. Registrar Dr. R. Sunandamma; Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal chief guest, Kannada Lekhakiyara Trust President and retd. VC of Karnataka Samskrit University Dr. Padma Shekar presides, Karnataka Lekhakiyara Sangha Mysuru Unit President Usha Narasimhan welcomes, writer Dr. M.S. Veda delivers felicitation address, Kannada Lekhakiyara Trust Secretary Dr. Hema Nandish comperes, H.S. Madhurani presides over Kavigoshti, B.K. Meenakshi moderates Kavigoshti; Participating poets/poetesses are Kerodi Lolakshi, Sudha Ramesh, B. Sujatha, Suchitra Hegde, K. Lakshmi, K.T. Srimathi, Sujatha Raveesh and S.L. Varalakshmi Manjunath, Kannada Lekhakiyara Trust Vice-President Manjula Manasa and Secretary Meena Mysore will be present, Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Lions School, Bannimantap:** 44th School Day celebrations, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda chief guest, DDPI D. Uday Kumar guest of honour, Mysore Lions School Chairman Lion Shivakumar presides, Jaganmohan Palace, **5 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapati Temple, Ganapati Temple Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	9.30 am, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	10 am
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	11 am, 7.15 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	12.50 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	1 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	2.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
28 Years Later: The Bone Temple (E)	:	4.50 pm
Happy Patel: Khatarnak Jasoos (H)	:	7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Nari Nari Naduma Murari (Te)	:	9.50 am, 7.20 pm
Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu (Te)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaa Vaathiyaar (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 4.45 pm
Maazar (K)	:	10.55 am
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	12.55 pm
Surya: Power of Love (K)	:	1.15 pm
Parasakthi (Ta)	:	1.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Anaganaga Oka Raju (Te)	:	4 pm, 7.05 pm
Bhartha Mahasayulaku Wignyapthi (Te)	:	4.10 pm
Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimaiyil (Ta)	:	7.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 pm
The Raja Saab (Te)	:	10.10 pm

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The award for 2026 will be conferred on Kaynes Foundation, acknowledging its sustained and impactful contributions towards societal development.

PDG Rtn. R. Guru will be the chief guest. Rotarians, industry leaders and invited dignitaries will be present.

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